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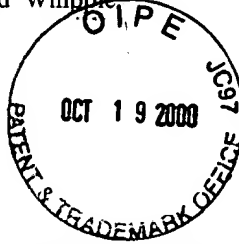
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement, partly based on International Search Report in the counterpart Foreign application is being submitted before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the Merits, therefore, no fee is due.

Additionally, this application is based on and claims priority to three Provisional applications No. 60/127,104 filed on March 31, 1999; No. 60/154,763 filed on September 20, 1999 and No. 60/163,305 filed on November 3rd, 1999

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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